

***TOWN OF NEWFIELDS BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, MAY 19, 2009***

***Present:*** Michael Woodworth, Rosanne Gilbert, and Wes Moore. Others present included: Chief Reed, Clay Mitchell, and Nancy Spencer.

***Call to order:*** The meeting was called to order at 6:15pm by Michael Woodworth,

At 6:15pm the meeting went into a non-public session per RSA 91-A:3 III. The meeting opened to the public at 6:28pm.

Chief Reed wants to delete all of the old ordinances which no longer have any value and replace them with current versions. He will get the most up to date versions from the county prosecutor and present them to the Selectmen. He also asked that all ordinances (town, police, planning board, etc.) be located in one central place. The Selectmen agreed that this is a good idea.

Rosanne asked the Chief if we ever have anyone performing community service. Chief Reed said no because he is responsible for that person. Rosanne is looking for someone to copy all of the Warrant Articles on the copy machine. This would be monitored by Nancy Spencer and Sue McKinnon.

Chief Reed informed the Board that the annual PEA Road Race was held last week. It ran smoothly, but he will ask PEA to make some changes in any future races.

The Memorial Day Celebration will be held this weekend.

Larry Arend's Newfields Road Race will take place on June 27<sup>th</sup> provided that permission is obtained from the Board of Selectmen and a Certificate of Insurance is provided to the Town. Any vendors at the race must register at the Town Office and obtain the proper licenses.

The Underage Drinking Grant is over. The Police will begin arresting the offenders. Classes will be offered to store owners and employees. All costs associated with this are being paid for by a grant.

Clay advised that the Planning Board is meeting this week. Dunkin Donuts is trying to meet all of the Building Inspector's requirements in order to open this weekend.

Clay is continuing his research on renewable energy options including grants. Durham is willing to work with Newfields on this project. Clay asked for permission to approach various people as a representative of the Town of Newfields. The Selectmen gave permission to Clay.

Main Street Arts is on the Planning Board Agenda for their first meeting. Approval boils down to traffic and parking issues.

Rosanne made a motion to appoint Wes Moore as Chairman of the Board of Selectmen. Wes Moore seconded the motion. Discussion followed and then Michael Woodworth called for a vote. Two were in favor, one against, so the motion carried.

At 7:40pm the Selectmen moved to the Town Hall to speak with residents of Halls Mill Road. The residents included: Rosanne and Rich Gilbert, Lou Bond, Ken and Lorrie Maker, Kris and Perry Silverstein. Rosanne Gilbert attended as a private citizen as she has recused herself from this issue.

Wes informed the group that the Police Ordinance with regard to noise is unconstitutional and will be removed from the ordinances.

The Planning Board ordinance is for *constant noise* – such as factories, construction, etc. that disturb daily life. Leaf blowers, lawn mowers, guns, etc. may be an annoyance, but neighbors should work something out with each other.

The Board of Selectmen will not put forth a Warrant Article to put an ordinance in place that would prohibit shooting a gun. They suggested that the Makers and Silversteins go to the Planning Board to discuss this and to see if the Planning Board wants to sponsor an ordinance.

Perry said that a shooting/gun range is not listed as an approved use in the residential/agricultural zone. Rich Gilbert has not heard any shooting in the last three months. Perry said that the Selectmen told Mr. Hurlbert not to shoot his guns. Wes clarified that the Selectmen *never* told Mr. Hurlbert not to shoot his guns.

Perry asked about skeet shooting and Wes said it is his understanding that the Hurlberts are not shooting skeet. Perry expects to be safe on his own property at all times and expects the police department to respond if he feels unsafe.

This portion of the meeting closed at 8:00pm and the Selectmen returned to the Selectmen's office.

Both cellar windows and frames at the old post office building have been replaced.

Checks were signed. Twelve abatements were signed. Two abatements were denied and ten were approved. The Tax Collector's Warrant was signed along with a Land Use Change Tax.

Thank you letters from Richie McFarland Children's Center and Seacoast Hospice were read. The report from Dragon Mosquito Control was reviewed. The estimated figures for the 2009/2010 school year were reviewed for the Newfields Elementary School. A contract for fuel delivery was received from Flynn's Oil Company. This will be tabled until the oil contract goes out to bid.

Rosanne made a motion to accept the minutes of the May 5, 2009 meeting as amended. Michael seconded the motion which passed with both in favor. Wes made a motion to accept the minutes of the May 12, 2009 meeting. Rosanne seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Nancy asked if Louisa could clean up the Town Hall after the Memorial Day Celebration. Permission was granted and any charges will be paid out on the Celebration line item.

Michael made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:50pm. Rosanne seconded the motion and the motion passed with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy J. Spencer  
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